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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday,

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23rd Meenam, 1112.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon, T. S. Balarama Ayyar K. T. Mathew, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar and Mrs. Meenakshi N. Menon were absent.

Questions and Answers

Regarding appointment of Assistant Superintendents of Police.

351. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) what was the immediate necessity for the appointment of Assistant Superintendents of Police;

(2) the date on which the order creating these posts was passed;

(3) the date on which the resolution recommending the appointment of a Retrenchment Committee was passed in the Legislative Council;

(4) the date on which the Retrenchment Committee was appointed by the Government?

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Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—(1) In view of increasing pressure of work, the necessity was felt to strengthen the Department.

(2) 14—11—1936.

(3) No such resolution was passed in the Council. A resolution "to effect retrenchment in the various departments of administration in the State, wherever possible" was passed on 19th January 1937.

(4) 13—2—1937.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know what is the increase in the pressure of work?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—I would invite the Hon'ble Member's attention to the discussion on this question during the last Budget Session. A lump sum of Rs. 10,000 was provided in the budget for the reorganisation of the Police Department. A cut motion was moved to reduce this allotment. The whole position was then explained. During the debate on the Police Regulation Amendment Bill during the last meeting of the Council, this question was also raised as a side issue. I remember I gave all the details then also.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*— May I know what is the nature of work done by the A. S. P.s so appointed?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—The A. S. P.s are doing the work which was done by the D. S. P.s.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Am I to understand that a portion of the D. S. P.'s work has been taken and transferred to the A. S. P.'s?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—The Hon'ble Member has understood me correctly.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Are the powers same for both?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—With the difference that the D. S. P.'s have got some control over the A. S. P.'s.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know what is the control of the D. S. P.'s over the A. S. P.'s?

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Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*— Certain rules have been drafted on the analogy of the British rules and they are being considered by Government. Pending the passing of final orders, the work tentatively allotted to the A. S. P.'s is a portion of the work done by the D. S. P.'s.

The State is divided into two divisions and one A. S. P. is appointed at Ernakulam and the other at Trichur. The A. S. P.s perform within their respective jurisdiction duties almost similar to those done by the D. S. P.s, but under the control of the D. S. P.s. That is a tentative arrangement adopted till the rules are finally passed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*— My question is what is the sort of control? Is the one above the other?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*— Quite so. The D. S. P. is certainly a superior officer with a higher status and as such he exercises control over the A. S. P.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Is there any difference, other than that of pay, between the powers exercised by the A. S. P.s and D. S. P.s?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*— It is like this. Within the subdivision alloted to the A. S. P. he will be under the direct control of the D. S. P. Papers will be submitted to the D. S. P.s who can revise the orders issued by the A. S. P.s and therefore the orders of the D. S. P.'s will be finally binding.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—So the initiative is with the A. S. P. within the area transferred to him?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—Ordinarily he will exercise all the powers in his subdivision.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know how the work is distributed between the A. S. P.s?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—Does the Hon'ble Member want to know the names of stations allotted to each?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Yes.

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*— Mattancherri, Cochin Cusba, Narakkal and Cranganur are under the A. S. P. and the rest of the Anjikaimal division is under the

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D. S. P. Trichur town, Urakam, Kunnamkulam and Trichur Cusba are under the A. S. P. and the rest will be directly under the D. S. P.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*— When these new posts were created were the proposals for retrenchment passed by this Council before the consideration of the Government?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*— I have already referred to the discussion on the budget. This cut motion was moved by the Hon'ble Member, Mr. C. R. Iyyunni. After discussion the cut motion was withdrawn in the light of the explanation given by Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*— Was not one of my cut motions passed in this Council regarding retrenchment under General Administration?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*— It was not with specific reference to the Police Department. Here is a cut motion with specific reference to the Police Department which was, after discussion, withdrawn.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—I fear that the statement made by the Hon'ble Secretary does not seem to be correct. The resolution was not withdrawn but only the portion relating to the appointment of the committee was taken away and the resolution was passed. I think the Secretary is confusing the issues.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*— It is not I who is confusing but the Hon'ble Member himself. I refer to the budget discussion, Sir, the Hon'ble Member is confusing it with another and entirely different resolution for the appointment of a Retrenchment Committee. The cut motion moved by him was at the Budget Session in Karkidagam 1111. I shall read the relevant portion:—"*Mr. C. R. Iyyunni*— It is not absolutely necessary that because the economic condition has gone down much it is logically necessary that there should be an increase of crime. And even if there is an increase in crime they say they have tackled the question with the present force. But since the Hon'ble Member for Police says that this amount is required for the reorganisation of the force and more amounts will have to be spent in future, I beg leave of the House to withdraw my motion."

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Is it the contention of the Government that the Superintendents of Police had more work than they are entitled to?

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Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police)*.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*—The divisions and sub-divisions are handed over to four officers practically?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police)*.—It is almost that.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*.—When the Government came to this conclusion was there any report to the Government that the Superintendents were over worked?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.—The question was raised for consideration even during the time of the ex-Commissioner of Police and it has been under consideration for a long time.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ *(Pazhayannur)*.— ഇവർക്ക് ജോലി ഇ നാതാണെന്നു തിരിച്ചു് മുള്ളാക്കുന്നതിനു മുമ്പായി ഈ പോസ്റ്റു ക്രിയേറ്റു് ചെയ്യാൻ എന്താണു് ഇത്ര വലിയ ധൃതി?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. എൽ. ദേവസ്സി *(Commissioner of Police)*.— മുള്ളാക്കീട്ടുണ്ടു്; പക്ഷെ അതു് ഫൈനൽ ആക്കീട്ടില്ലെന്നേയുള്ളൂ.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ *(Pazhayannur)*.— മുള്ളാക്കുന്നതു വരെ എപ്രകാരമാണു് ജോലി നടത്തുവാൻ സാധിക്കുന്നതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. എൽ. ദേവസ്സി *(Commissioner of Police)*.— മുടില്ലായ്കയില്ല. അതു ഫൈനലായിട്ടില്ലെന്നേയുള്ളൂ.

Mr. President.—Rules have been made but in the light of what is being done by the British Police and in the light of experience it is going to be made final.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.—I may also mention one fact with regard to the Police rules. We have to co-operate with the British police in various matters, and for this purpose it is desirable to have police officers of a higher status.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*.—That is anticipating work. Is it not?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.—It is being done.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram)*.—I can quite understand the reorganisation of a harbour police. But I do not understand why these Assistant Superintendents are necessary?

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Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—It is the nucleus of what is going to be done.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—What is the nature of the work that has been found which could not be done by the D. S. P.'s.

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—The D. S. P.'s were finding it too much for them to scrutinise all the papers sent to them and to hold several enquiries which they find themselves called upon to take immediately and scrutinise them in time. They have to scrutinise the diaries of all stations, they have to enquire into petitions, they have to look into the allegations against police officers, they have to inspect the case diaries of inspectors. It was found too much for an officer to discharge them efficiently and satisfactorily. Of course it was being done in a sort of way. But having found it was too much for them it was thought necessary to create these posts.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Was there any complaint from the D. S. P.'s ?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—They were always complaining.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—I can quite understand that Government officers will always complain that they are over-worked. Was there any written complaint from the D. S. P.'s to the effect that they were over-worked?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—There was a written complaint that the papers could not be submitted expeditiously on account of pressure of work.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—How old is the complaint ? Is it very old ?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—I cannot say the exact date. It is very old. We were feeling that as a matter of fact the D. S. P.s were over-worked.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—In view of the fact that the Government are so anxious to follow the British procedure will they be pleased to create the post of Dy. S. P.s.

Mr. President.—When the necessity arises it will be considered.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Are the Government aware that there is a move in Travancore to abolish the post of A. S. P.s.

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Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—I am not aware of the abolition in Travancore; but I am aware that in British these posts continue.

Regarding ill-treatment to a member of the Chellanam Panchayat.

ന. ര. മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി (*Muslims*).—

താഴെപറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു മറുപടി പറയുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ:—

(ഛ) ചെല്ലാനം പഞ്ചായത്തിലെ ഒരു മെമ്പർ തന്നെ അകാരണമായി ചിലർ ഉപദ്രവിച്ചുവരുന്നുവെന്നും ടി വിഷയത്തിൽ ഡി. എസ്. പി. വഴി വേണ്ട അന്വേഷണം നടത്തി പരിഹാരമുണ്ടാക്കണമെന്നും മറ്റും വിവരിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു ഫ്രഫറ വൃശ്ചികത്തിൽ കൊച്ചി രണ്ടാം ക്ലാസ് മജിസ്ട്രേട്ടുകോർട്ടുവഴി വല്ല ഹർജിയും അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ഛ) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവയെപ്പറ്റി ആരാണ് അന്വേഷണം നടത്തീട്ടുള്ളതു;

(ന) അന്വേഷണത്തിന്റെ ഫലമെന്താണ്;

(ര) പ്രസ്തുത ഹർജിയും അതിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ചിരുന്ന മറ്റു റിക്കാർട്ടുകളും ഗവൺമെണ്ടു സഭയം അച്ചടിച്ചു മേശപ്പുറത്തു വെക്കുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എസ്സ്. നാരായണയ്യർ (*Secretary to Government*).—

(ഛ) ഉണ്ട്. ഫ്രഫറ-ൽ M. P. നമ്പർ-ാം നമ്പ്രായി ഒരു ഹർജി ഫ്രഫറ വൃശ്ചികം ര-ാംന- ബോധിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(ഛ) കൊച്ചി കസ്ബാ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ പി. മാധവമേനോൻ അന്വേഷണം നടത്തി.

(ന) and (ര) ടി ഹർജി കൊച്ചി മജിസ്ട്രേട്ട കോർട്ടിൽ വിചാരണയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു മറ്റു വിവരങ്ങൾ പ്രസ്താവിക്കുവാൻ പാടുള്ളതല്ല.

Heads of Departments— visit to Chittur.

353. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the number of times each of the Heads of Departments had visited Chittur this year;

(2) the number of times they had visited by this time in 1105?

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